

At the President's request, the Department of Energy (DOE) has been assisting in Iraq's reconstruction efforts by detailing Department employees who have expertise in oil, gas, electricity, budget, and administrative skills to Baghdad.

Recently, the U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, Zalmay Khalilzad, asked Secretary Bodman to provide the Ambassador's Office with a DOE Energy Attaché, a senior DOE employee with knowledge and experience in energy (principally oil and gas) and economic development issues related to developing countries. In support of the Ambassador's request, the Department is seeking a seasoned individual to have high-level interaction with senior Iraqi and U.S. decision-makers on the full range of energy policy, commercial, and operational issues. The candidate should possess technical energy related knowledge, project management expertise, and an understanding of foreign economic and energy policies. The incumbent will serve in Baghdad, Iraq as the Department's interim Energy Attaché from February 2007 through September 2007.

The interim Energy Attaché will report to the U.S. Ambassador through the Deputy Chief of Mission, Ambassador Daniel Speckhard.

As part of the interim Energy Attaché's responsibilities, he or she will be expected to perform the following duties:

1. Participate in and encourage cooperation between U.S. and Iraqi officials on energy and economic development issues; promote the adoption of policies and market practices to encourage increased trade and investment in Iraq's energy sector; and promote transparency, good governance, the sanctity of contracts, and the rule of law.
2. Provide guidance to senior U.S. Embassy and Ministry officials on the full range of energy policies.
3. Develop strategies to foster energy investment and trade that will increase production, improve energy security, strengthen market competitiveness, and further sustainable development initiatives.
4. Maintain a high level of professional competence and judgment including the ability to act independently and in conjunction with U.S. Government and follow DOE policies and standards.

Funding for this detail and associated training will come from the employee's Program Office.

As indicated above, the position is in Baghdad, Iraq. The offices and living quarters are both in the International (Green) Zone and are secured by U.S. military personnel and Department of State Diplomatic Security.

Interested Federal employees must obtain concurrence from their Resource Manager in Headquarters or the head of their field element. This detail opportunity is open to DOE Federal Employees.

Conditions of Employment/Special Qualification Requirements:

1. This position requires that the incumbent have access to highly classified/restricted data documents and/or materials. Thus, the position demands the highest degree of public trust and requires that the incumbent possess a DOE "Q" security clearance.
2. A State Department medical clearance is required for the incumbent.
3. Incumbent is required to attend the seven and one-half day Diplomatic Security Anti-Terrorism Course (DSAC-Iraq) prior to deployment to Iraq **at a cost of \$1,180**. This training includes: an overview of policy objectives and life at post; country and language familiarization; and Diplomatic Security's Iraq-specific personal security training (emergency medical, weapons familiarization, improvised explosives recognition, hostage survival, chemical/biological awareness, surveillance detection, and coping with stress).
4. The incumbent must be eligible for a diplomatic passport and applicable visa(s).
5. The incumbent must possess health insurance.

Benefits:

DOE Federal employees working in Iraq may receive the following:

Pay differential for work at night
Pay for work on Sundays and Holidays
Danger Pay
Regional Rest Breaks
Home Visits
Consultation Trips
Overtime pay
Foreign Post Pay Differential
Per Diem
Medical Services
Travel Expenses

Additional information on benefits to DOE employees on detail to Iraq can be found at:
<http://humancapital.doe.gov/pers/overseas.htm>

Contacts

Interested candidates should electronically submit a résumé to George Person, Director, Office of African and Middle Eastern Affairs, Office of Policy and International Affairs, no later than January 8, 2007, at george.person@hq.doe.gov.

If you have questions regarding the duties of the position, please contact Wanda Klimkiewicz, Office of Policy and International Affairs, (202) 586-5908 or by e-mail: wanda.klimkiewicz@hq.doe.gov.

If you have questions on this position regarding personnel issues, please contact Bruce Murray, Office of Human Capital Management at (202) 586-3372 or by e-mail: Bruce.Murray@hq.doe.gov